

several instances of such defective execution of works having come to the notice of the Government and the Revenue Commissioner, the question of improving the mode of checking these works is engaging the attention of the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Alteration of rules governing remission under breached tanks.

Messrs. Gundu Rao and Ummanaiya, Bowringpet Taluk, and Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Dry assessment may be levied on wet lands under breached tanks instead of half wet assessment, as the latter has been a great hardship to the poor ryots. The concession may be limited to tanks breached by accident and not through the neglect of the ryots. There is now no period fixed within which the restoration of the breached tank should be taken up. The Ramsagar tank which breached some years ago has not been restored as yet and the ryots are made to pay half the wet assessment though they cannot raise any wet crops. Unless therefore the tank is likely to be restored within a year or two after its breach, the present concessions are not sufficient. They were not in favour of a fresh classification of lands being made after restoration of the tank and of the assessment being revised.

*Reply of Government.*—Remission of half the wet assessment has been allowed according to long-standing *mamool*. As a rule, a newly breached tank is restored at the earliest opportunity. If dry rates are to be imposed while the tank remains breached, then a reclassification of the lands irrigated by it will have to be made after it is restored, which may result in an ultimate increase of assessment.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Remission of assessment.

1. Mr. Adeppa, Tumkur Taluk.
2. Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Pavagada Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—1. Remission of half assessment may invariably be granted when tanks do not fill.

2. Even in years of ordinary rainfall all tanks do not fill as the rains are not uniformly distributed, but yet full wet assessment has to be paid on the atchkats. It is requested that remission of half assessment may be granted on lands below tanks that fail to get even a fourth of its normal supply.

*Reply of Government.*—The rates fixed by the Survey Department are based on the average produce for the whole period of the settlement and allowance is made for such abnormal conditions in fixing them. No such remission can therefore be granted as a matter of course. Provision has however been made in the Tank Panchayet Bill for grant of remissions under certain conditions in such cases.